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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
9 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

10 JEFFREY BENNETT, individually,
11 Plaintiff,

Case No. 2:16-cv-00021-JAD-VCF

12 v.

ECF No. 37

13 ALLSTATE FIRE AND CASUALTY INSURANCE
COMPANY, individually; and DOES I through X;
14 and ROE CORPORATIONS I through X, inclusive,
15 Defendants.

16 **STIPULATION TO EXTEND DEADLINE FOR PLAINTIFF TO RESPOND TO**
17 **DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO BIFURCATE TRIAL (First Request)**

18 Pursuant to LR-6-1, Plaintiff Jeffrey Bennett and Defendant Allstate Fire and Casualty
19 Insurance Company, by and through their respective counsel of record, respectfully submit the
20 following stipulation requesting a two week extension for Plaintiff to file his Response To
21 Defendant's Motion To Bifurcate Trial, to and including May 5, 2017. Defendant's motion was
22 filed April 6, 2017. In support of this Stipulation, the parties state as follows:

23 **I. Introduction**

24 Plaintiff is a first party claimant for underinsured motorist benefits under a policy of
25 insurance with Defendant Allstate Fire and Casualty Insurance Company. The discovery cut off in
26 the case was March 9, 2017. The dispositive motion deadline was April 10, 2017, and both parties
27 have motions pending before the court.

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II. Reason for Extension

The primary basis for Defendant's motion was the potential prejudicial effect the presentation of bad faith evidence would have on the jury if the case was not bifurcated. At the present time, neither party has requested a jury, thereby mooting the potential prejudice and reducing the issues of Fed.R.Civ.P. 42(b) convenience and economy. The parties are considering entering into a stipulation to have the case tried before a jury, and if not, whether Defendant wants to proceed with the motion.

AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

DATED this 20th day of April, 2017.

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IT IS SO ORDERED.


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

Dated: 4-21-17